

# FRIDAY BULLETIN

NEWS FROM THE ALASKA DIVISION OF LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

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## NEWS FROM THE DIVISION

### STATE LIBRARY PRINCE OF WALES VISTA RECRUITMENT CONTINUES

We are recruiting 1 VISTA for Coffman Cove and 1 VISTA for Thorne Bay (to join a team of 2 other VISTAs in the region). The goal of the Libraries Build Communities project is to improve the educational and economic opportunities for residents in Coffman Cove and Thorne Bay, while also increasing the effectiveness, services and sustainability of the public library in each of these communities.

The VISTA volunteers will work collaboratively with local and state agencies, schools and non-profits: To conduct community needs assessment and use assessment information to develop workshops, online self-paced training opportunities and resources that focus on financial literacy, job readiness skills and entrepreneurship; To create early literacy centers in each library and develop programs that promote early literacy, numeracy skill and school readiness; and To improve library services by developing library trustee training, volunteer recruitment and management procedures and grant writing; \*\*Benefits include: Monthly living allowance (\$1,222), relocation costs (\$0.34/mile up to \$1000) and settling in allowance (\$550), health benefits, child care assistance, training, and an Education Award (\$5,730).

To learn more about this VISTA opportunity or to apply for one of the positions, please visit

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=58451&fromSearch=true>. Applications are being accepted through 3/22/2015.

## HERITAGEQUEST ONLINE, POWERED BY ANCESTRY, COMING SOON!

Many of you should know that HeritageQuest, an online genealogy database, has been made available to every Alaskan through the [SLED Databases](#). We are pleased to announce that enhanced content and some administrative features will be made available soon. Here are details of the enhancement from ProQuest, our vendor for HeritageQuest:

Important changes are coming later in Q1 (Jan-Mar). The HeritageQuest Online platform will transition to a new interface powered by Ancestry.com. This will result in a number of updates to HeritageQuest Online that will benefit administrators behind-the-scenes, add new content, and help streamline the research process for genealogists.

For more details about the upcoming changes and how they will affect you and your users visit [http://go.proquest.com/HQO\\_Update/](http://go.proquest.com/HQO_Update/).

### Summary of key changes

- **Content Enhancements:** Including complete U.S. Federal Census 1790-1940 with images and every-name indexes, and much more.
- **Enhanced functionality:** All-new image viewer and greyscale or color images.
- **Access:** The changeover to the new version will be automatic. No changes will need to be made by libraries. We will inform you of the changeover date in the coming weeks.
- **Authentication:** All existing authentication methods will remain in place and intact, including static IP address, referring URL, barcode, and embedded username and password.
- **Browser Requirements:** HeritageQuest Online will be optimized to perform best on current versions of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, and Microsoft Internet Explorer 9 or newer (we recommend IE 11+).

Visit [http://go.proquest.com/HQO\\_Update/](http://go.proquest.com/HQO_Update/) for the latest project updates and status reports.

## NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

### UAF ANNOUNCES NORTHERN ALASKA SEA ICE PROJECT

We're pleased to pass along this UAF Rasmuson Library press release:

The Oral History Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks is proud to announce the completion of the [Northern Alaska Sea Ice Project Jukebox](#), available on-line at [www.jukebox.uaf.edu/seaice](http://www.jukebox.uaf.edu/seaice). People who visit the website can access oral history recordings that offer a rich understanding of sea ice and changing conditions in the north.

This project highlights conversations with 26 residents of the North Slope of Alaska recorded between 1978 and 2013 talking about sea ice conditions, observations over time, and changes that are occurring. The goal has been to offer long-term observations about sea ice in northern Alaska in order to inform the scientific community's understanding of sea ice and climate change over a

longer timeframe and through a broader lens, and to help the Inupiaq community share traditional knowledge between generations.

This project was supported by funding from the North Pacific Research Board. Karen Brewster presented this project on January 22, 2015 at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium in Anchorage. This premier marine research conference is one of the largest scientific conferences in Alaska as it brings together scientists, educators, resource managers, students and the interested public to discuss the latest and greatest marine research conducted in Alaska waters.

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2015 NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY SERVICES ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting applications for Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants. The deadline is March 2, 2015.

**The Native American Library Services Enhancement grants** award up to \$150,000 with terms of up to two years. They are available to tribes that have active IMLS Native American Library Services Basic grants and are for expanding services for learning, access to information, and partnerships. Learn more online at the FY 2015 Native American Library Services webpage for [enhancement grants applicants](#).

**The Native American Library Services Basic Grant program** — which, in the past, has had a concurrent deadline with the Enhancement program—has been delayed. IMLS is revising the application process for the Basic program. The delay will not affect the Native American Enhancement grant award timeline. Subscribe to the IMLS grant announcements on the [IMLS subscription page](#) for notices about this funding opportunity.

You can use the [IMLS grants search tool](#) to view our archive of grants awarded by the Institute. Search grants by grant name, institution, or project type.

The following program contacts are available by phone and email to discuss general issues relating to these grants:

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### K-8 GRAPHIC NOVELS READING LIST – 2014 UPDATE BY ALSC

School and Youth librarians may be interested in the 2014 update of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) at <http://www.ala.org/alsc/graphicnovels2014>

Printable reading lists are available in color or black and white for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## TOP SEVEN WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR PATRONS' PRIVACY

A recording of Jason Griffey's 1/13/2015 SirsiDynix webinar, The Top 7 Ways to Protect Your Protect Your Patrons' Privacy has been [posted online](#). You may be asked to download and install a WebEx plug-in to view this recording.

While presented to librarians, we feel many of the tips covered will apply to visitors of museums and archives as well:

1. Take care with the public view
2. Delete patron circulation info
3. Delete logs when unneeded
4. Sanitize (electronically) public computers of personal data between sessions
5. Use https on your website (Could be an extra cost)
6. Encrypt stored data
7. Consider the TOR (The Onion Router) browser.

For full details, see the recording mentioned above. The Alaska State Library takes no position on tips 5-7. 5&6 might involve some extra tech know how and expense. Some have expressed concern over the TOR browser's role in shady activities (Silk Road, etc.) and it is possible some people might become hacking targets precisely for using the TOR browser (i.e. "Hey Joe, What's in the box?")

Overall it is a lot to think about how we can all better safeguard the privacy of all our visitors.

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